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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/784,591

Applicant(s)

JONES ET AL.

Examiner

Yves Dalencourt

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### Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8-14,16 and 17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8-14,16 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DETAILED ACTION**

This office action is responsive to amendment filed 08/29/04.

#### ***Response to Amendment***

The examiner has acknowledged the amended claims 1, 9, and 17, and the cancellation of claims 7 and 15.

#### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 – 6, 8 – 14, and 16 - 17 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

#### ***Claim Objections***

Claims 1, 9, and 17 are objected to because of the following informalities: It is suggested to delete “ favorites “ (claim 1, line, claim 9, line 13, and claim 17, line 19), and insert – favorite --. Appropriate correction is required.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States

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only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 – 6, 8 – 14, and 16 – 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nadav Goshen (US 2001/0029527; hereinafter Goshen).

Regarding claims 1, 8 – 9, and 16 - 17, Goshen teaches a method for modifying a browser history file in a network browser program, said browser history file including a listing of previously visited network sites, said network browser program being used in combination with a switching means for selectively accessing adjacent ones of said previously visited network sites (fig. 6; para. 0014), said network browser program further including a favorite file listing including a listing of user-selected favorite network sites (fig. 6; para. 0018, lines 1 – 2; Goshen discloses a site bookmark that allows users to save web pages they like on a per-web-site basis), said method comprising the steps of displaying a reproduction of said favorites file on a display screen of a display device of a user (para. 0018, lines 2 – 4; Goshen discloses that the web-site bookmarks only appear when the user re-visits the web site); displaying a virtual history list in another area of said display screen (para. 0018, lines 4 – 8; para 0078; Goshen discloses that an intuitive bookmark classification application is created, whereby users can store the pages on the site that they like best and have those bookmarks automatically loaded when they revisit the site); enabling said user to transfer selected sites from said reproduction of said favorites file into said virtual history list (para. 0018, lines 15 – 18; Goshen discloses that the user may choose to automatically copy entries from the site bookmarks to his/her conventional bookmark system); and inserting said virtual history list into said browser file whereby adjacent ones of said network sites in said virtual

history list are accessible by a single actuation of said switching means (paras. 0022, 0030, 0034, and 0069; Goshen discloses that changes may be customized according to the site being viewed and/or according to user preferences. Both forms of customization are possible through data that is stored in the browser servers and delivered to the client module as the user surfs the web). Claim 17 adds the limitations of an information processing system, which comprises a system bus, a CPU device connected to said system bus, a memory device connected to said system bus, and an input device connected to said system bus, said input device being arranged to enable user input to said information processing system (see fig. 1; paras. 0059 – 0065).

Regarding claims 2, 6, 10, and 14, Goshen teaches a method for modifying a browser history file in a network browser program, wherein said switching means comprises a pointing device, said pointing device being selectively operable by a user for pointing to a selected icon presented on a display screen, said switching means further including an actuating mechanism, said actuating mechanism being selectively operable by said user to effect a selection of said icon (paras. 0020 and 0049).

Regarding claims 3 and 11, Goshen teaches a method for modifying a browser history file in a network browser program, wherein said icon is a forward movement indicium on said display screen (paras. 0013, 0019, 0064).

Regarding claims 4 and 12, Goshen teaches a method for modifying a browser history file in a network browser program, wherein said icon is a backward movement indicium on said display screen (paras. 0013, 0019, 0064).

Regarding claims 5 and 13, Goshen teaches a method for modifying a browser history file in a network browser program, wherein said creating includes using a keyboard input to create said virtual history list (para. 0020).

### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Thomas J. Shafron (US 2004/0165007 A1) discloses a method of controlling an Internet browser interface and a controllable browser interface.

Khan et al (US Patent Number 6,427,175) discloses a method and apparatus for collaborative remote link management using sharable online bookmarks.

### **Contact Information**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yves Dalencourt whose telephone number is (571) 272-3998. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 7:30AM - 6: 00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.


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